

Welcome to St. George Church

A Parish with Spirit and Heart!



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Week of March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Not long ago, Father Jim spoke of being disheartened at a morning Mass. He explained that his heaviness of heart was due to news of our nation's new rules about refugees. He went so far as to say if we are no longer willing to welcome the *'tired and poor'* as the Lazarus poem proclaims on the Statue of Liberty, then we should take it down. I was deeply moved by his sadness. As we have come to know Father Jim, we have found him to be a spiritual leader; gentle, challenging and generally upbeat.

We all have times when we become discouraged by events. Giving voice to what upsets us, discussing ideas and wrestling with thoughts can help us discover ways forward. A very bad habit we have fallen into, culturally, is arguing with or fighting over opinions which are different from our own. This is not the *only* way to deal with adversity. As Father Jim shared his feelings, he was able to stir our hearts and add to the mix a Gospel perspective. Jesus as our brother, revealing God as our Father, confirms for us that all people are brothers and sisters: children of the One, True God.

Humanly, we must find ways to resolve challenges without destroying one another. In faith, we need to encounter Jesus in such a way that his ways become our ways. Jesus faced adversity on every level throughout his life. We need to read, pray and discover how he triumphed peacefully and with joy.

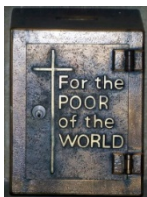
Sister Lori

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25	5 pm	Robert Chilson, by the Bread of Life Community
Sunday, March 26	8:30 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Sunday, March 26	11 am	Rose & Edward Kupka, by Mary Ann Pietrzak
Monday, March 27	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Tuesday, March 28	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Wednesday, March 29	8 am	Communion Service and Novena
Thursday, March 30	8 am	Communion Service
Friday, March 31	8 am	<i>This Mass intention is available</i>
Saturday, April 1	5 pm	Robert Chilson, by the McMahon family
Sunday, April 2	8:30 am	Frank Scarcello, by Millie Puff
Sunday, April 2	11 am	James Barr, by Fr. Jim Wall

**Our next First Friday Mass is April 7th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.
Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:30 pm**

Let us pray for... Doris Ellis, Ann Marie Price, Ellen Nichter, Jim & Mary Ann O'Donnell, Marion Habicht, Don Murray, Barb Songin and Anna & Erino Fabrizi.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from blindness to sight and Jesus, light of the world, sends us to help others see and to believe.

This month your gifts allowed the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to represent you and our St. George parish through works of mercy at our local nursing homes. Thank you for your continued generosity and for using the Poor Box.

God bless all.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS & DINNER AT THE SEMINARY

We invite all parishioners to attend the **7 pm *Mass of the Lord's Supper*** on **Holy Thursday, April 13th** at **Christ the King Seminary**. The Seminary community will gather for supper at **5 pm in the Dining Hall**, and anyone wishing to do so may sign up to join them for this meal prior to the Mass. To defray the cost of the meal, a **\$13 donation is requested**, but not required. *We're taking reservations in our parish office until April 3rd.* This will allow us to give an accurate number to the food service folks as they prepare.

After the Holy Thursday Mass at the Seminary, Father Jim will bring the Eucharist back to our Memorare Chapel for our altar of repose. There will be *Eucharistic Adoration* in the Chapel on **Thursday, April 13th** from **9:30-11 pm**.

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH RETREAT—Saturday, April 29th!



We welcome **Fr. Bob Pecoraro, S.J.**, who will guide our afternoon of reflection: ***Telling Our Sacred Stories***. Fr. Bob currently teaches and serves on the *Spiritual Direction* team at Christ the King Seminary. Our gathering **begins with lunch at noon** in the parish hall and **concludes with the 5 pm Mass**. Join us as we explore three inseparable stories that make each moment of our lives and all of our individual stories sacred!

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER & SHADOW STATIONS OF MERCY—FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH!

Join us for a delicious potluck **Soup & Bread supper** at **6 pm** in the parish hall, **hosted by our YOUTH GIFT Team and families**. We welcome your contribution of a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or rolls to share.

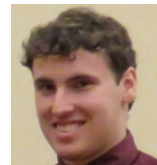
Following our community meal, **plan to stay** for our Youth's presentation of the **Shadow Stations of Mercy** at **7 pm** in church. *Don't miss this special evening of friendship, faith and prayer!*



YOUTH MATTERS! Congratulations to our Youth Peer Mentors, **Jake**



Kearney and **Sidney Ploetz**, recipients of the **Manus Christi (Hands of Christ) Award**. Both were honored recently at the **65th Diocesan Youth Convention** weekend. This award is presented to high school students who have *exemplified Christian leadership* in their parish and the diocese. Check out the **Manus Christi**



Awards Ceremony on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/B4nwGHbluDs>. *The Young Church is alive and well at St. George! We're grateful for your prayers and unwavering support.*

KINDLY KEEP SISTER MARGARET IN YOUR PRAYERS as she mourns the passing of her sister, **Mary L. Schleich**, in Leesburg, FL on Tuesday, March 14th. If you wish to write to Sister, her address is **Sr. Margaret Donner, Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, 245 Lafayette Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14213**. For further information, visit www.pagetheusfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Mary-Schleich/.



LENTEEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

On **Monday, April 10th**, Penance Services will be offered at **3 pm & 7 pm** at **St. Vincent de Paul Church** in Springbrook, and at **7 pm** at **Saints Peter & Paul Church** in Hamburg.

Haven't been to Confession in a while? Put your mind and heart at ease before you go, with the help of this **Confession tip sheet**: goo.gl/osyYFK.

Praying for deceased relatives and friends is an act of faith, hope and charity. One way you can honor your deceased loved one is to have a Mass offered for them. Although it is common practice to make a free-will donation (a \$15 Mass stipend) for the celebrant, **don't let your financial status prevent you from requesting a Mass intention**. To schedule a Mass, please call the parish office at **652-3153** or email stgeorge.wf@gmail.com.

Mass Offerings



YOUR GENEROSITY ENABLES OUR MISSION & OUTREACH EFFORTS

What we give to our parish in our weekly offerings is our offering to God, an offering of praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings the Lord has given to us. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ in our community, in addition to paying our parish bills. Last week's offerings totaled **\$2,713.00**. Thank you, and *God bless you for your generosity!*

UPON THIS ROCK AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Our initial weeks of individual meetings with potential donors from St. George Parish have gone smoothly. Soon the entire parish community will receive letters from the Capital Campaign, announcing the amount pledged thus far and the dates of our **pledge weekends**.

We ask that you make your pledge checks payable to *Upon This Rock*. In order to clearly distinguish your *Catholic Charities* and *Upon This Rock* donation amounts, *please write the Catholic Charities 2017 amount in the memo line of your check*. Bear in mind that this Diocesan Campaign is a *five-year pledge program* with an aim to establish endowments to meet the *future needs* of Catholic endeavors in the Diocese of Buffalo. Questions? *Email Sister Lori* at sisterlori@stgeorgercchurch.org or call the parish office.

BREAD OF LIFE OUTREACH CENTER food pantry needs boxed **cold cereals**. Your donations may be placed in the baskets in the Gathering space, or brought to the Center during business hours. BOLO currently serves over 80 families through the food pantry, and ***your generous support is always appreciated!*** Also, **Gabriel's Closet Thrift Shop** is still in need of children's clothing. **Food Pantry:** Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1 pm.



Gabriel's Closet: Tues. & Wed. 10 am–2 pm, Thurs. 3–6 pm, Sat. 10 am–1 pm.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION UPDATE Your baby is making tremendous progress in her development. During the first four weeks, the baby's organs started to form. Her heart began to beat on the 22nd day and pumps blood through her circulatory system. The brain is functioning more and she can move her muscles. At the gestational age of 2 months, a developing baby is able to suck her thumb. She is just over 1 inch long, but has unquestionably human characteristics.

Please remember to keep your spiritually adopted baby and her mother in your prayers.

EASTER MUSIC Singers & instrumentalists (children through adult)—join our Easter Music Ministry! We welcome you to share your musical gifts at our **Easter Sunday Masses (8:30 am and 11 am)**. For more information, or to sign-up, please call **Lisa Oun** at **597-5894** or email LisaMJDOun@aol.com.



THINK THEME BASKETS! Our **Annual Haiti Breakfast** and **Theme Basket auction** will be **Sunday, April 30th, 9 am – 1 pm**. Put a little of your spring cleaning energy and rejuvenated spirit into some new theme basket ideas! *Your creativity and generosity always make our Theme Basket auctions a success!*



WFFC Ladies
Auxiliary
presents:

AN EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th
2pm

Kids age 10 and
under, come along
and have a hopping
good time!

A Free, Family Friendly Event

Rain or Shine!
Prizes awarded!

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Bridge Street, West Falls